GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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MINIMUM WAGES TO DIAMOND AND COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the labourers working in the diamond and coal mines in Madhya Pradesh are not paid the minimum wages;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the payment of minimum wages to these labourers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (e): The wages of the workers employed in the Coal and Diamond mines are not fixed under the Minimum Wages Act asthese mines are not included in the scheduled employments. The wages of the regular workers employed in Coal mines are fixed in terms of the bilateral wage agreement arrived at between the unions and managements. As regards the Diamond mines it has been informed by the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) that the workers of NMDC Diamond Mining Project, Panna in Madhya Pradesh are being paid in terms of Tripartite Settlement arrived at between the management of National Mineral Development Corporation Limited and their workmen represented by the all India NMDC Workers` Federation and its affiliated unions on 17th August, 2001 under Section 12(3) of the Industrial DisputesAct, 1947. The Corporation has further informed that the wages of these workers are much more than the minimum wages prescribed under the Minimum Wages Act.